

REMARKS

Claims 19-72 are currently pending. All pending claims have been rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-17 of US-B-6,649,651. Claims 19, 21, 29, 33, 43, 54, and 66 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claims 38, 50 and 61 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for allegedly failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the present invention.

Amendments

Applicants are herein canceling claims 19, 22 and 29 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants are herein amending claims 20, 21, 25, 30-34, 38, 50, and 61. Applicants are amending claims 20 and 30 to incorporate all of the limitations of claims from which they depend. Applicants are amending claims 38, 50, and 61 to depend from claim 20, instead of cancelled claim 1. The remaining amendments are made to provide for proper dependency due to the cancelled claims. Applicants submit that no new matter is introduced by the amendments to the claims.

Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

The obviousness-type double patenting rejection is rendered moot by the Terminal Disclaimer over US-B-6,649,651, filed herewith.

Rejection under 35 USC § 112, 1st Paragraph as Not Enabling

The rejection for lack of enablement is rendered moot in light of the current amendments. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Rejection under 35 USC § 112, 2nd Paragraph for Indefiniteness

The rejection for indefiniteness is rendered moot in light of the current amendments. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

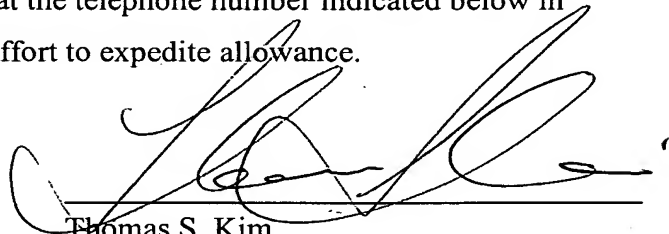
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Conclusion

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance and solicit an early indication to that effect. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below in order to discuss any remaining concerns in an effort to expedite allowance.

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